

Quick Reference Card



Programming Family

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DOS Editing Keys

Del	Skip one character in retained line
Esc	Cancel current line
F1 or →	Copy and display one character from retained line
F2	Copy all characters up to specified character
F3	Copy all remaining characters from retained line
F4	Skip all characters to specified character of retained line
F5	Accept edited line for more editing as retained line
Ins	Toggle—insert characters

Typing a DOS Command

Type the DOS commands using the following format notation:

[] Items shown inside square brackets are optional. To include optional items, only type the information inside of the brackets. Do not type the brackets.

CAPS Words shown in capital letters are called *keywords*. The DOS command names are keywords. You must type the keywords; however, you can type keywords in any combination of uppercase and lowercase letters.

italics

Items shown in lowercase italic letters mean that you are to substitute the item. If italic items are inside of brackets, they are optional. For example:

filename

means type the name of your file in place of the word *filename*.

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A vertical bar means either/or. Choose one of the separated items and type it as part of the command. For example:

ON|OFF

means you can type ON or OFF, but not both.

...

An ellipsis indicates that you can repeat an item.

Include all punctuation such as commas, equal signs, question marks, colons, slashes, and backslashes. Punctuation shown inside brackets is optional.

Batch Commands

Executes batch file

`[d:][path] filename[.BAT][parameters]`

Calls another batch file from within a batch file without

ending the first batch file

`CALL [d:] [path] filename`

Displays messages, disables or enables 'echo message'

`ECHO [ON|OFF]message`

Interactive execution of commands

FOR %%variable IN (set) DO command	CHCP[nnn]
Transfers control to label GOTO [:]label	Changes current directory CHDIR [d:] [path] or CD[d:][path]
Conditional execution of commands IF [NOT] condition command	Checks disk and reports status [d:] [path]CHKDSK [d:][path] [filename[.ext]][/F] [/V]
Waits for operator to press any key PAUSE [remark]	Clears the display screen CLS
Conceals remarks ... see ECHO REM [remark]	Start a secondary command processor COMMAND[d:] [path] [/P][/C string] [/E:xxxxx]
Shifts command lines SHIFT	Compares files [d:][path] COMP [d:][path] [filename[.ext]] [d:][path] [filename[.ext]]
DOS Commands	Copies files COPY [/A][/B] [d:][path] filename[.ext] [/A][/B] [d:][path] filename[.ext]] [/A][/B][/V] or COPY [/A][/B] [d:][path] filename[.ext] [/A][/B] [+ [d:][path] filename[.ext]] [/A][/B] [...] [d:][path] filename[.ext]] [/A][/B][/V]
Allows a DOS path-like support for data files in addition to program files	Changes to an auxiliary console CTTY device name
The first time APPEND is loaded: [d:][path] APPEND d:path.; [d:] [path...] or [d:] [path]APPEND [/X][/E]	Allows you to set or change the date DATE [mm-dd-yy] [dd-mm-yy] [yy-mm-dd]
After APPEND has been loaded: APPEND d:path [:d:] path...] or APPEND [:]	Deletes files DEL [d:] [path] filename[.ext]
Make drive specifier x refer to drive y [d:] [path]ASSIGN [x[=] y[...]]	Lists filenames DIR [d:] [path] [filename[.ext]] [/P][/W]
Sets file to read-only or sets archive attributes on or off [d:][path] ATTRIB [+ R -R][+ A -A] [d:][path] filename [.ext.][/S]	Compares diskettes [d:][path] DISKCOMP [d: [d:]] [/1][/8]
Backs up disk files [d:][path] BACKUP d:[path] filename[.ext]] d:[/S][/M][/A] [/D:mm-dd-yy] [/T:hh:mm:ss][/F] [/L[:d:] [path] filename[.ext]]]	Copies diskettes [d:][path] DISKCOPY [d: [d:]] [/1]
Permit extended checking for control break BREAK[ON OFF]	Erases files ERASE [d:] [path] filename[.ext]
Allows you to select, change, and display the system code page	Converts .EXE files to .COM format [d:][path] EXE2BIN [d:][path] filename[.ext]

[d:][path] [filename[.ext]]

Allows for fast accessing of files by holding in memory the locations of directories and recently opened files
[d:][path] FASTOPEN d:[=nnn]...

Prepares fixed disk for DOS
[d:][path] FDISK

Searches files for strings of text
[d:][path] FIND [/V][/C][/N] "string" [[d:][path] filename[.ext]...]

Formats diskettes or fixed disks
[d:][path] FORMAT
d:[/S][/1][/8] [/V] [/B][/4][/N:xx] [/T:yy]

Loads a table of additional character data into memory for the color/graphics adapter
[d:][path] GRAFTABL
[437 | 860 | 863 | 865 | /STATUS]

Allows the contents of a graphics display screen to be printed when using a color/graphics monitor adapter and screen
[d:][path] GRAPHICS
[printer type][/R] [/B] [/LCD]

Connects a drive to a directory on another drive to produce a single directory structure
[d:][path] JOIN [d: d:\directory] [/D]

Loads a keyboard program and replaces the current resident program in ROM BIOS
[d:][path] KEYB
[xx[,yyy], [[d:][path] filename[.ext]]]]

Create, change, or delete a volume label
[d:][path] LABEL [d:][volume label]

Creates a subdirectory
MKDIR [d:] path
or
MD [d:] path

Sets mode on printer, display, Asynchronous Communication Adapter and sets up and controls code page switching

[d:][path] MODE LPT# [:][n][[, [m] [,P]]]

or
[d:][path] MODE n
or
[d:][path] MODE [n],m[,T]
or
[d:][path] MODE COM#[:baud[,parity]
[,databits] [,stopbits][,P]]]]
or
[d:][path] MODE LPT# [:]=COMn
or
[d:][path] MODE device CODEPAGE
PREPARE=((cp) [d:][path] filename[.ext])
or
[d:][path] MODE device CODEPAGE
PREPARE=((cplist) [d:][path] filename[.ext])
or
[d:][path] MODE device CODEPAGE
SELECT=cp
or
[d:][path] MODE device CODEPAGE
[/STATUS
or
[d:][path] MODE device CODEPAGE
REFRESH

Pause standard output after 24 lines (Filter)
[d:][path] MORE | [<filename.ext]

Permits you to select a code page when used with DISPLAY.SYS and PRINTER.SYS, and allows support for .extended country information and code page switching

[d:][path] NLSFUNC [[d:][path] filename[.ext]]]

Searches specific directories for commands or batch files
PATH [[d:][path] [;[d:] [path]]]
or
PATH:

Prints and queues data files
[d:][path] PRINT [/D:device] [/B:buffsiz]
[/U:busytick] [/M:maxtick] [/S:timeslice]
[/Q:quesiz] [/C] [/T] [/P]
[[d:][path] [filename[.ext]] ...]]

Sets new prompt
PROMPT prompt-text

Recover files from disk
[d:][path] RECOVER [d:][path] filename[.ext]

or [d:][path] RECOVER <i>d:</i>	Displays all directory paths [d:][path]TREE [d:][/F]
Renames files REN[AME] [d:][path] <i>filename.ext</i> [d:][path] <i>filename.ext</i>	Displays file contents TYPE [d:] [path] <i>filename.ext</i>
Replaces and adds files [d:][path] REPLACE [d:][path] <i>filename.ext</i> [d:][path] [/A][/P][/R][/S][/W]	Displays DOS version number VER
Restores backed up files from one disk to another disk [d:][path] RESTORE d: [d:] [path] <i>filename.ext</i> [/S] [/P] [/B: <i>mm-dd-yy</i>] [/A: <i>mm-dd-yy</i>][/M] [/N] [/L: <i>time</i>][/E: <i>time</i>]	Verifies data after every write to disk VERIFY [ON OFF]
Removes a subdirectory RMDIR <i>d:</i> [path] or RD [d:] <i>path</i>	Displays volume identification VOL [d:]
Installs DOS on a new disk with the specified country information and keyboard layout [d:][path] SELECT [[A: B:] [d:][path]] <i>xxx yy</i>	Copies groups of files, including lower level subdirectories [d:][path] XCOPY [d:][path] <i>filename.ext</i> [d:][path] [<i>filename.ext</i>] [/A] [/D] [/E] [/M] [/P] [/S] [/V] [/W] or [d:][path] XCOPY [d:][path] [<i>filename.ext</i>] [d:][path] [<i>filename.ext</i>] [/A] [/D] [/E] [/M] [/P] [/S] [/V] [/W] or [d:][path] XCOPY <i>d:[path]</i> [<i>filename.ext</i>] [d:][path] [<i>filename.ext</i>] [/A] [/D] [/E] [/M] [/P] [/S] [/V] [/W]
Display or change the command processor's environment SET [<i>name</i> = [<i>parameter</i>]]	EDLIN Commands
Loads support for file sharing [d:][path] SHARE [/F: <i>filesystem</i>][/L: <i>locks</i>]	Appends Lines [n]A
Sort data from the standard input device to the standard output device [d:][path] SORT [/R] [/+n]	Copies Lines [line], [line] ,line [,count]C
Allows you to use a different drive specifier to refer to a drive or path [d:][path] SUBST <i>d:</i> <i>d: path</i> or [d:][path] SUBST <i>d:</i> /D or [d:][path] SUBST	Deletes Lines [line][,line]D
Transfers DOS [d:][path] SYS <i>d:</i>	Edits Line [line]
Enter or change the time known to the system TIME [<i>hh:mm:ss</i>] [.xx]]	Ends Edit. Saves Changes E
	Inserts Lines [line]I
	Lists blocks of lines [line][,line]P

Moves Lines [line],[line] ,lineM	L[address[drive sector sector]]
Page [line],[line]P	Moves memory block M range address
Quits Edit Q	Defines files and parameters N [d:][path] filename[ext]
Replaces Text [line][.,line] [?]R[string] [<F6>string]	Sends output byte O portaddress byte
Searches Text [line][.,line] [?]S[string]	Proceed with statements after jump P [= address][value]
Transfers Lines [line]T[d:] filename	Ends DEBUG program Q
Write Lines [n]W	Displays registers/flags R [registername]
	Searches for characters S range list
	Executes and displays T[= address][value]

DEBUG Commands

Assembles statements A[address]	Unassembles instructions U [address] or U [range]
Compares memory c range address	Writes file or absolute diskette sectors W [address[drive sector sector]]
Displays memory D[address] or D[range]	CONFIG.SYS Commands
Replaces memory contents E address [list]	Sets BREAK = ON or OFF BREAK = [ON OFF]
Changes memory blocks F range list	Sets number of buffers DOS will allocate BUFFERS = x
Executes with optional breakpoints G[=address] [address [address...]]	Specifies date and time format for a given country COUNTRY=xxx,yyy [d:][path] filename[ext] or COUNTRY = xxx,yyy
Hexadecimal add-subtract H value value	Permits code page switching on the IBM PC Convertible LCD screen, EGA, and IBM Personal System/2 TM displays
Reads and displays input byte I portaddress	
Loads file or absolute diskette sectors	

DEVICE = [d:][path] DISPLAY.SYS CON [:]=
(type [,,[hwcp],[,n]])
or
DEVICE = [d:][path] DISPLAY.SYS CON [:]=
(type[,,[hwcp] [,,(n,m)]])

Permits code page switching on the IBM Proprinter
Model 4201 and IBM Quietwriter III Printer Model
5202

DEVICE = [d:][path] PRINTER.SYS LPT# [:]=
(type[,,[hwcp] [,n]])
or
DEVICE = [d:][path] PRINTER.SYS LPT# [:]=
(type[,,[hwcp1,hwcp2, ...)][,n]])

Sets number of control blocks that can be
concurrently
open

FCBS = m,n

Sets maximum number of files that can be
concurrently
open

FILES = x

Sets maximum number of drives that can be
accessed

LASTDRIVE = x

Loads a top-level command processor

SHELL =[d:][path] filename[.ext]
[parm1][parm2]

Allows you to override the default stack

STACKS = n,s

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